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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - ELECTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL BOARD (INCB)

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETINGS ECOSOC'S COMMITTEE
ON CANDIDATURES FOR ELECTIONS INCB, HELD MARCH 29/30, UNDER
CHAIRMANSHIP OF BARTON (CANADA).

2. COMMITTEE AGREED WITHOUT DISSENT TO FORWARD TO ECOSOC
PANEL OF WHO NOMINEES AS RECEIVED FROM WHO AS FOLLOWS:

A. WITH MEDICAL EXPERIENCE - DE LA FUENTE MUNIZ RAMON
(MEXICO) AND STOLLER (AUSTRALIA);

B. WITH PHARMACOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE - KNOLL (HUNGARY) AND
KAYMAKCALAN (TURKEY);

C. WITH PHARMACEUTICAL EXPERIENCE - ATTISSO (TOGO).

3. COMMITTEE THEN TURNED TO SELECTION OF PANEL OF 16 NAMES
FROM AMONG 30 NOMINATIONS PUT FORWARD BY GOVTS. IT WAS
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DECIDED THAT KAYMAKCALAN AND ATTISSE WHO HAD BEEN NOMINATED BOTH BY THEIR GOVTS AND WHO SHOULD BE CARRIED ON WHO PANEL ONLY BUT ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IF NOT ELECTED FROM WHO LIST THEY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION FROM GOVT PANEL.

4. PROCEEDING BY SECRET BALLOT, COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT PANEL OF GOVT NOMINEES SHOULD CONSIST OF: POLLNER (USA), ANAND (INDIA), ASLAM (PAKISTAN), MASON (UK), RUEUTER (FRANCE), ROUHANI (IRAN), ARNILLAS ARANA (PERU), BARKOV (USSR), CHAPMAN (CANADA), EL HAKIM (EGYPT), GROZDEV (YUGOSLAVIA), OLGUIN (ARGENTINA), SHIMOMURA (JAPAN), SYLLA (SENEGAL), EVANG (NORWAY), GRANIER- DOYEUX (VENEZUELA).

5. ALL EXCEPT LAST TWO NAMES LISTED ABOVE WERE INCLUDED ON PANEL IN FIRST BALLOT ON WHICH POLLNER RECEIVED 9 OF 12 VALID VOTES; ANANA - 11; ASLAM - 11; MASON - 10; REUTER - 12; BOUHANI - 9; ARNILLAS ARANA - 11; BARKOV - 11; CHAPMAN - 9; EL HAKIM - 12; GROZDEV - 8; OLGUIN - 10; SHIMOMURA - 9; SYLLA - 8.

6. PRIOR TO VOTE COMMITTEE, EXAMINING QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES IN LIGHT ARTICLE 9(2) OF SINGLE CONVENTION, TOOK NOTE OF STATEMENTS MADE BY EGYPT, U. S., TUNISIA AND PHILIPPINES TO EFFECT THAT THESE GOVTS' CANDIDATES WOULD IF ELECTED LEAVE GOVT SERVICE BEFORE ASSUMING DUTIES ON INCB. IN SAME CONNECTION COMMITTEE FURTHER TOOK NOTE THAT SYG HAD RECEIVED COMMUNICATION FROM ARGENTINE GOVT STATING THAT OLGUIN HAD LEFT GOVT SERVICE.

7. CONSISTENT WITH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HELD IN ADVANCE OF MEETING WITH UK, CANADA, JAPAN, FRANCE, SWEDEN, TURKEY AND OTHERS IN EFFORT DEVELOP CONSENSUS AND ENSURE THAT GOVT PANEL WOULD INCLUDE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED NOMINEES, U. S. DEL VOTED FOR ALL OF INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED IN GOVT PANEL EXCEPT EVANG AND GRANIER- DOYEUX. WE CONSIDERED THAT FORMER' S AGE (OVER 70) WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH U. S. EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE VIGOROUS IMAGE FOR BOARD. WE ALSO REGARDED GRANIER- DOYEUX' S QUALIFICATIONS TO BE IN DOUBT IN ABSENCE OF ANY INDICATION HIS INTENTION WITHDRAW FROM GOVT SERVICE DURING SERVICE ON INCB. WE VOTED FOR OLGUIN OVER OTHER LA CANDIDATES FROM COSTA RICA AND PANAMA ON BASIS HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD WHO MEETINGS AND INITIATIVE
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ARGENTINA HAS TAKEN IN PROMOTING LA REGIONAL EFFORTS TO

CONTROL DRUG ABUSE. WE VOTED FOR LOSING CANDIDATE FERNANDEZ (PHILIPPINES) IN ALL THREE BALLOTS IN VIEW HER OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS, ROLE THAT PHILIPPINES HAS PLAYED IN REGIONAL DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS AND DESIRABILITY OF INCB' S INCLUDING MEMBER FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. CANADA' S OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET DR. CHAPMAN' S NAME ON GOVT PANEL BUT THEY ARE ENTIRELY CLEAR THAT PROSPECTS HIS ELECTION ECOSOC IN ADDITION TO U. S. CANDIDATE ARE DIM. UK REP, ONE OF TELLERS, SAID THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT TWO BALLOTS WHICH CROSSED OUT U. S. AND UK NOMINEES WERE CAST BY USSR AND HUNGARY. WE HAVE NO CLUE AS TO WHICH OTHER DEL FAILED TO VOTE FOR U. S. CANDIDATE.

8. WE, INCB SECRETARY DITTERT, UK AND OTHERS ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH COMPOSITION GOVT PANEL. ONE OF OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVES WAS TO SECURE INCLUSION IN PANEL OF SIX GENERALISTS NOMINATED BY GOVTS (FIRST SIX NAMES LISTED PARA 4 ABOVE) IN ORDER PERMIT BROADENING BASE OF BOARD WHICH AS NOW COMPOSED INCLUDES 8 OUT OF 11 INDIVIDUALS WITH PHARMACOLOGICAL/ PHARMACEUTICAL EXPERIENCE. ALL OTHER 24 NOMINEES PUT FORWARD BY GOVTS HAD PHARMACOLOGICAL/ MEDICAL BACKGROUNDS PARALLELING QUALIFICATIONS OF WHO NOMINEES. RIMESTAD

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